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SUBJECT: CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES ANNOUNCES SLATE AND OTHER
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY: CU/NEW FORCES ANNOUNCED SLATE OF CANDIDATES OCTOBER 22 WITH PROMINENT OMISSIONS. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION PROCLAIMED POLITICAL PLATFORM WHILE ITS LEADER GAROUFALIAS CHARGED CARAMANLIS FAILED IN CYPRUS CRISIS AND IN REESTABLISHING POLITICAL NORMALITY. GAROUFALIAS ALSO PROTESTED TO PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS THAT PRESENCE OF CARAMANLIS IN ELECTORAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTED UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES. CARAMANLIS, MAVROS, PAPANDREOU PLAN MAJOR SPEECHES IN PROVINCIAL CAPITALS THIS WEEKEND. NATIONAL TELEVISION IS DEVOTING 10 MINUTES PRIME TIME DAILY TO POLITICAL COVERAGE; PAPANDREOU CLAIMS PASOK NOT GETTING ITS SHARE. END SUMMARY.

2. CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES PUBLISHED SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 17 ELECTION. PASOK MAY ANNOUNCE ITS FULL SLATE AS EARLY AS THIS EVENING. CU/NF CANDIDATES WERE NOT ANNOUNCED FOR FOUR REGIONS INCLUDING DODECANESE ISLANDS WHERE POSITION OF LIBERAL MAVERICK ZIGDIS REMAINS UNCLEAR AND CHANIA, CRETE WHERE NIKITAS VENIZELOS REPORTEDLY DELAYED DECLARING FOR CU. ALL CANDIDATES FROM NEW FORCES FACTION ARE LISTED IN ATHENS DISTRICTS. MAVROS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE NOON OCTOBER 23 WHEN HE LAUDED CU/NF

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CANDIDATES AS BEST REPRESENTATIVES POSSIBLE OF GREEK SOCIETY AND

DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CU/NF PLATFORM (ATHENS 7633). MAVROS MAKES HIS CAMPAIGN DEBUT THIS WEEKEND IN IOANNINA, WHILE PAPANDREOU, FOLLOWING CORFU ADDRESS OCTOBER 24, PLANS VIGOROUS POLITICAL STUMPING WITH NUMBER OF SPEECHES THIS WEEKEND IN CRETE. PM LAUNCHES NEW DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGN WITH MAJOR SPEECH IN THESSALONIKI OCTOBER 27. PRESS SPECULATES CARAMANLIS WILL CONCENTRATE ON CLEANSING STATE MACHINERY; SOME OBSERVERS ANTICIPATE HE WILL ADDRESS ISSUE OF CHARGES OF CONSPIRATORIAL ACTIVITIES OF JUNTA LEADERS. IN FIRST CAMPAIGN SPEECH, CU CANDIDATE GEORGE A. MANGAKIS, PROMINENT ATHENS RESISTANCE LAWYER, DECLARED THAT POSSIBILITY MUST BE ENTIRELY EXCLUDED OF COOPERATION FOLLOWING ELECTIONS BETWEEN CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES AND NEW DEMOCRACY.

3. VOCIFEROUS NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION, EDE, LEADER P. GAROUFALIAS CABLED PRESIDENT GHIZIKIS TO LODGE COMPLAINT AGAINST CARAMANLIS SERVING IN ELECTORAL GOVERNMENT ON GROUND HIS PRESENCE PROMOTES PARTISAN TREATMENT OF POLITICAL CANDIDATES. GAROUFALIAS URGED PRESIDENT TO FORM TRUE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT. EDE LEADER ALSO CONDEMNED CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT FOR RESTORING MUTILATED CONSTITUTION AND FOR INSTITUTING UNJUST ELECTORAL LAW. EDE PLATFORM STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 22 IN LENGTHY CATALOGUE POLITICAL PROMISES AND UNREALISTIC GOALS IN PRIMARILY ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS. HEAVIEST RELIANCE IS PLACED ON PRIVATE INITIATIVE WITH STATE PROVIDING INCENTIVES IN TOURISM, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE. SOCIAL POLICY CALLS FOR INCREASE IN POPULATION GROWTH RATE THROUGH LARGER FAMILIES, MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL CITIZENS, AND UNIVERSAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU JOINED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WITH CHARGE THAT NATIONAL RADIO/TV DID NOT ADEQUATELY COVER HIS PATRAS SPEECH LAST WEEKEND, AND HE REVIVED "FORCE AND FRAUD" SLOGAN OF HIS FATHER'S 1961 CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEN PM CARAMANLIS.

4. EARLIER THIS WEEK ILIAS ILIOU, CHAIRMAN OF UNITED DEMOCRATIC LEFT (EDA), TOLD GATHERING OF PARTY MEMBERS THAT EDA SLATE SHOULD BE READY FOR PUBLICATION LATER IN WEEK AND THAT UNITED LEFT REPRESENTS SUREST GUARANTEE FOR SAFEGUARDING EVOLUTION TOWARD PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRACY. LEAD SPEAKER SAME MEETING DISCLOSED CRACKS IN UNITED LEFT FACADE BY DISASSOCIATING IT FROM RIZOSPASTIS' SLOGAN FOR LEFTIST VOTERS TO POLL FOR KKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(EXTERIOR) CANDIDATES. HE URGED LEFT VOTERS TO PLACE CHECK BY NAMES OF EDA AND KKE (INTERIOR).

5. MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER A. VLACHOS CONTINUES TO HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS OF PARTY LEADERS TO DISCUSS CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND RELEVANT PROBLEMS. KUBISCH

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